GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Home (Services-1) Department – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC & A) Rules, 1991 against Sri P.Sasikanth, (f) Addl. SP (AR), ISW, A.P., Vijayawada – Charges framed – Explanation submitted – Imposing the punishment of "PPI for a period of one year without effect on future increments"- – Orders – Issued.

HOME (SERVICES-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 214 **Dated:14.12.2023**

Read the following:

1. From the DGP,A.P.,Lr.C.No.1278/A6/2021, dated:16.04.2021.
2. Govt.Memo No.1418149/Ser.1/A1/2021, Home (Services.1) Dept. dt:25.04.2022
3. From the DGP, AP Rc.No.454/O4/2021, Dt:03.08.2022.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh has informed that the Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada City has forwarded a enquiry report against Sri P.Sasikanth, Addl.SP, ISW, Vijayawada for his grave misconduct and negligence in leaving his official weapon with his driver Sri P.Vinod Kumar, Home Guard No.464, ISW, Vijayawada and allowing him to keep it with him, resulting which the said Home Guard shot his wife dead with the said pistol on night of 11.04.2021 at his house and requested the Government to take disciplinary action against Sri P.Sasikanth, Addl.SP, ISW, Vijayawada under Rule 20 of the APCS(CC&A) Rules, 1991 by considering his grave misconduct.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Government have framed charge Sri P.Sasikanth, Addl.SP, ISW, Vijayawada and called for his explanation. In the reference 3rd cited, the DGP has forwarded the written statement of defense to the Government for taking further necessary action.

3) Sri P.Sasikanth, Addl.SP, ISW, Vijayawada, in his explanation has put forth the following grounds

- He went on casual leave from 09.04.2021 to 11.04.2021, on personal work to Ananthapuramu. As he was working in ISW, CM Security Wing, he carried the GLOCK Pistol No.ACHA075 Butt No.13 without surrendering it in the office. Earlier to going on casual leave, he had information that the Hon'ble CM would be visiting Tirupati on 14.04.2021.

- In preparation of his official duty on 14.04.2021 at Tirupati, though he was on casual leave, he took the Govt vehicle Maruti Swift Dezire AP 18 PA 0126 along with Home Guard No.464 (driver) Sri P. Vinod Kumar of ISW.

- After completing his private work at Ananthapuramu, he left for Vijayawada at about 1.30 PM keeping the pistol in the rear seat of the car in his bag and reached his Apartment flat situated at Kunchanapalli near KL University around 8.45 PM. He asked the Home Guard driver Vinod Kumar to bring the luggage including the pistol to his flat and rushed into the wash-room to answer calls of nature.

- Thereafter, he came out of the wash room at 9.20 PM and tried to safeguard the pistol, but to his astonishment, he found only the holster of the weapon. Immediately he contacted the Home Guard driver and asked about the pistol. The Home Guard replied that by mistake he took away the pistol and he would return the pistol on the next day as he is residing at Gollapudi which is 20 kms away from the apartment of Sri P.Sasikanth, Addl. SP (AR).

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- Not satisfied with Home Guard's reply, immediately he started from his flat to collect the pistol. While he was on the way to the house of Home Guard driver Vinod Kumar, he received a call from Home Guard Satish from the Cell phone of Vinod Kumar informing that Suneetha @ Surya Ratna Prabha w/o Vinod Kumar sustained a misfired bullet injury from a pistol which fell down accidentally from the hands of Suneetha while she was keeping it in an almirah and she was being taken to Ramesh Hospital. Sometime therefore, the said Home Guard Satish again called on his cell phone and informed that as Ramesh Hospital refused to admit the injured Suneetha, they were taking her to Govt. General Hospital, Vijayawada. Before he could reach GGH, the said Satish informed him that Suneetha succumbed to bullet injury.

- He further contented that though he was diligent, unsuspectingly, Home Guard No.464 (driver) Sri P. Vinod Kumar took away the 9 mm. pistol without his permission or knowledge, taking advantage his rushing into the wash room.

- He has requested to drop further action against him.

4) Government after careful examining the matter here by observe that there is incumbent and bounden duty on the part of the charged officer to ensure safety of his official weapon, as if it is part of his body . This is the drill which is imparted to every men and officer of police force and in no circumstances it can be violated. Therefore, taking overall facts in consideration Government hereby decided to impose punishment of "PPI for a period of one year without effect on future increments" against Sri P.Sasikanth, (f) Addl. SP (AR), ISW, A.P., Vijayawada.

5) Accordingly Government hereby order to impose punishment of "PPI for a period of one year without effect on future increments" against Sri P.Sasikanth, (f) Addl. SP (AR), ISW, A.P., Vijayawada

6) The Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh is requested to take necessary further action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

HARISH KUMAR GUPTA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri,
Guntur District.
The individual concerned (through the Director General of Police,
Andhra Pradesh)
The PS to Hon'ble Minister (Home)
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